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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Election Requirement mailed August 5, 2005. The requirement states that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: Group I drawn to Figure 1 and Group 2 drawn to Figure 2. The Election Requirement notes that claim 1 is generic. The applicant respectfully traverses this Election Requirement.

The applicant submits that all of the pending claims should be searched in the same U.S. and International search classifications. All of the pending claims, claims 1-30, read on Figure 2 and thus are in Group 2. Claims 1-3, 6-12, and 15-30 are generic to both figures and are in Group 1.

For at least these reason, the applicant respectfully request withdrawal of the election requirement. Alternatively, the applicant elects examination of Group 2 drawn to Figure 2, which includes claims 1-30.

Please contact the undersigned attorney if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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